

REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, and the above amendment and following remarks are made in light thereof.

Claims 18-56 are pending in the application. Claims 18, 19, 21, 23-25, 27, 29-31, 33, 35-37, 39, 40, 42, 44-46, 48, 54 and 56 have been withdrawn from consideration. Pursuant to the Office Action, Claims 20, 22, 26, 28, 32, 34, 38, 41, 43, 47, 49-53 and 55 are rejected under either 35 USC §102(e) or 35 USC §103(a) over Murade US 6,683,592.

By way of the foregoing amendment, Independent Claims 20 and 22 now recite “a first interlayer insulating film over the at least one gate wiring and the at least one source wiring; a second interlayer insulating film over the first interlayer insulating film; [and] at least one convex portion over the second interlayer insulating film.” Murade does not disclose “the convex portion over the second interlayer insulating film” as now required by the Independent Claims. Instead, Murade discloses the first interlayer insulating film (4), the second interlayer insulating film (7) and the convex portion (302), which is the same layer as the second interlayer insulating film in Fig. 11. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the claims now distinguish over the cited art and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

If any additional fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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